

On motion by Mr. Hall, the following order was twice read and adopted.

Ordered, That the register in chancery be required to lay before this house as soon as practicable, a list containing the number of bills in equity appeals or petitions, that have been filed or instituted in the high court of chancery for the last three years, to commence on the 1st day of January 1824, designating the counties from which such bills, appeals or petitions, have proceeded, and the number of decisions or decrees respectively, for the above period.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Frederick county court, relative to the attendance of the judges of that court; read and referred to the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Sappington asked and obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act to provide for the administration of justice in cases of crimes and misdemeanors in the county of Frederick; whereupon Messrs. Sappington, Barnes, Speed, Tidball and Richard Thomas, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

Mr. Montgomery also asked and obtained leave to report a bill, to be entitled, An act to authorise the register of wills of Anne-Arundel county to perfect the record of Joseph Chew's will, made in the year 1705; whereupon Messrs. Montgomery, Speed and Sutton, were appointed a committee to prepare said bill.

Mr. Tyson also asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act to abolish the wager of law in this state; whereupon, on motion by Mr. Tyson, the subject of the leave granted was referred to the consideration of the committee on grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Speed also asked and obtained leave to introduce a bill, to be entitled, An act to make a pavement from the state house to the government house, and for other purposes; whereupon, Messrs. Speed, Done and Stricker, were appointed a committee to prepare the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Buchanan, it was Ordered, That the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to regulate the mode of granting divorces, and of ascertaining the nullity of marriages, have a second reading on Wednesday the 24th instant.

On motion by Mr. Speed, it was Ordered, That the bill reported by him, entitled, An act making appropriations for the benefit of the American Colonization Society, have a second reading on Thursday next, the 18th instant.

And on motion by Mr. Turner, it was Ordered, That the bill, reported by him, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, have a second reading on Monday next the 15th instant.

Mr. Brooke reported a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower James I. Bourne, of Calvert county, to perfect a contract entered into by himself, and Susan his wife,